

Regulation Changes for Clubs and Societies

Affiliation Regulations (not approved)

Current:

4.1.2 Reasons to Reject Affiliation

The affiliation application will not be accepted on the grounds that:

m. the applicants cannot demonstrate upon request by the C&S committee that they are servicing a student demographic distinct from an existing club or society;

q. the applicants cannot demonstrate upon request by the C&S committee that they are providing a function and servicing a student demographic that is distinct from a service or department within UMSU or the University.

Where two or more applicant groups in a single round of new club applications are overlapping in aims and/or proposed activities the C&S Committee shall direct the two groups to merge, with preference going to a revised combined application or where none is made the application lodged first except where one is clearly a sub-set of another, in which case the application with the broadest target demographic shall be approved.

Proposed Amendments:

Amendment

m. the applicants have not demonstrated that they are servicing a student demographic distinct from an existing club or society;

q. the applicants have not demonstrated that they are providing a function and servicing a student demographic that is distinct from a service or department within UMSU or the University;

Reasoning

The “upon request by the C&S Committee” has been removed as this is not an effective administrative process. Instead we will include a transparent question in the application form. It is then fair to assume that an applicant group has filled out the forms to an extent to which the C&S committee are able to assess these decisions without needing further consultation with the applicant group.

Amendment (new)

r. the aims or anticipated regular activities of the club would contravene the Student Union’s constitution or policies.

Reasoning

The addition of r. is to ensure that C&S is not affiliating new clubs that will bring C&S as a department or the club into conflict with the university.

Amendment (no change, just numbered)

4.1.3 Where two or more applicant groups in a single round of new club applications are overlapping in aims and/or proposed activities the C&S Committee shall direct the two groups to merge, with preference going to a revised combined application or where none is made the application lodged first except where one is clearly a sub-set of another, in which case the application with the broadest target demographic shall be approved.

Reasoning

This change is simply an addition of a numbered point so that it may be more easily referenced as a clause of the regulations.

Wellbeing (deferred)

7. Operating Responsibilities

Clubs also have responsibilities in the areas of finance, assets and legal obligations.

Proposed Amendments

7.3.5 Wellbeing (new)

Clubs owe their members a duty of care when running events, and this extends to emotional and mental wellbeing.

Clubs must ensure that there is a club representative who will be the designated Wellbeing Officer at every club event.

- a. a Wellbeing Officer is a club representative who is responsible for managing any issues of confrontation, aggression, harassment, bullying, peer pressure or social anxiety; crisis management; intra committee issues; any other social or personal issues that arise at a club event.
- b. For events with over 100 participants at one time, the number of wellbeing officers shall be increased to two, with a committee member for every additional 100 participants up to three committee members supervising at any time.
- c. For events with alcohol, the minimum number of wellbeing officers shall be increased by one.

Reasoning

This increases the responsibility a club has to look after anyone attending their events, expanding the focus on wellbeing from camps alone. The definition of a Wellbeing Officer is taken partly from the camp leadership guidelines, but reduces the focus from camp-exclusive scenarios to encompass more likely risks for general events. Currently this does not impose an additional training requirement, however club committee members would benefit from having completed the SCP Camp Welfare Training.